Statement-I

Location-wise Details of Existing TV Transmitters in West Bengal (as on 20.02.1997)

HPT	LPT	VLPT
Asansol	Alipurduar	Egra
Calcutta	Balurghat	Jhalda
Calcutta	Bardhaman	
(DD2)	Contai	
Calcutta	Darjeeling	
(DD3)	Jhargram	
Kurseong	Kalimpong	
Murshidabad	Kharagpur	
	Kalna	
	Krishnanagar	
	Maldah	
	Medinipur	
	Puruliya	
	Ranaghat	
	Shantiniketan	

HPT : High Power TV Transmitter
LPT : Low Power TV Transmitter
VLPT : Very Low Power TV Transmitter

Statement-II

Locations where TV Transmitter Projects are presently under Implementation/Envisaged to be set up in West Bengal (as on 31.01.1997)

Under Implementation	Envisaged
LPTs	*HPTs*
Farakka	Balurghat
Rayna	Kharagpur
Murshidabad (DD2)	Krishnanagar
Basanti	Shantiniketan
Bishnupur	
	LPTs/VLPTs
	Garhbeta
	Balrampur
	Cooch Bihar
	Baghmandi

Proposal to Run 'Palace on Wheels' Train

873. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to start "Palace on Wheels" type train covering different centres of Eastern region by involving different State Tourism Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) In May 1994, Global bids were invited by Ministry of Railways for ownership marketing and management of five tourist trains on popular circuits including the Eastern Circuit covering Calcutta-Gaya (Rajgir/Nalanda)-Varanasi (Sarnath)-Gorakhpur (Lumbini/Kushinagar)-Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Calcutta. The only bid which was received did not conform to the terms and conditions of the tender and was, therefore, not accepted.

Survey for Operating EMU Local Trains

874. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to operate EMU local Trains from Platform No. 5 of Dum Dum railway station to different directions during the peak hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The track connections available from Platform No. 5 of Dum Dum permit movement only towards Bongaon and Circular Railway (non electrified)

(c) Does not arise.

Flight from Agartala to Bagdogra

875. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate flight from Agartala to Bagdogra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) At present, Indian Airlines has no plans to operate its services from Agartala to Bagdogra due to inadequate traffic demand. Private Operators with suitable aircraft are, however, being encouraged to add more stations in their network including Agartala and Bagdogra.

Flight for Gangtok

876. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to operate flights to and from Gangtok;